

TASC advice *Science* [Version 2 as of 20 May 2020]

Physical Sciences – Foundation Level 2 (PSC215118)

TASC, with a focus on honouring the nature and intention of *Science*, also recognises the extraordinary circumstances facing learners and teachers in 2020. Due to these extraordinary circumstances TASC has made the following necessary considerations for 2020 only.

In *Science*, participating in practical work is fundamental to understanding the complexities and limitations of the theories, models and techniques used to explore and explain the world. Although much of the course content remains without participating in practical work; the quality of understanding may be supported by increased use of demonstrations, walk-throughs, secondary data and simulations. These considerations are intended to give teachers maximum flexibility to help students provide evidence of their learning.

After consultation with the community of teachers of *Science – Physical Sciences – Foundation Level 2 (PSC215118)* the following course content considerations have been made for 2020 only:

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Work Requirements Practical Work	<p>Scenario A - Medium term Return to <i>school environment</i> mid/end of July</p> <p><i>Specific 2020 considerations have been applied to this course.</i></p> <p>Work Requirements Practical Work</p> <p>Whichever method of delivery is utilised, at least 40 25 hours will be spent on practical activities in the laboratory or the field</p> <p>On at least three two occasions learners will document an experiment to address all elements in criterion 2...</p> <p>TASC notation: While 'hands-on experiments' and first-hand laboratory and field work will not be possible in a study from home context, practical aspects of the course may be undertaken via the use of appropriate technologies such as video demonstrations and simulations.</p> <p>Terms used in criterion standard elements such as 'apply', 'select' and 'collect' do not imply that these standards can only be demonstrated in a first-hand/physical context.</p>